

**Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting  
Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists  
August 22, 2016**

Present: Jennifer Anderson, Linda Armstrong, Andrew Birling, Dee Ann Crossley, David Fienen, David Geslin, Margaret Gohman, David Jenkins, Jon Kietzer, Nancy Lancaster, Paul Westermeyer

Also present: Phil Asgian, Michael Edwins, Jane Nienaber

Absent: Kalle Akkerman, Pam Carlson

**Call to Order** by Dean Paul Westermeyer at 6:30 PM, St. Paul Seminary.  
Chaplain Michael Edwins opened with the Moravian readings for the day.

The minutes of the May 23, 2016 Board meeting and Addenda of June 27, 2016, were approved as printed.

**Special Projects Report, “A Guide for Organ Committees “video**

Phil Asgian presented a marketing plan and proposed timeline for the production and release of the video. The Board discussed the advisability of both DVD and digital formats, the pricing and number of DVDs, the use of a marketing partner for distribution, updating the TCAGO website to accommodate video orders and promotion, and how to reach a national audience through TAO and other musical organizations and publications.

**Motion:** Jennifer Anderson moved the Board authorize Phil Asgian to pay a media company for the production of 1,000 copies of the DVD “A Guide for Organ Committees,” with payment to be taken from the TCAGO discretionary fund and replenished through the sales of the DVDs.

**Seconded:** David Fienen

**Motion Carried.**

Jane Nienaber, Registrar, and David Geslin, Treasurer, reported on the status of our membership renewals. At this time 60 members have not renewed. The National AGO has reminded us that after September 1 these members will not receive TAO. Jane described the renewal process through National AGO (with ONCARD) and through TCAGO (using WildApricot).

Action items:

Stephen Hamilton will give a reminder call to members who have not renewed.  
David Geslin will continue to send National AGO its portion of the dues as members renew.

Jane Nienaber will ask National AGO to send her the names of new members who join through ONCARD.

**Motion:** Jon Kietzer moved we give Kathryn Moen an honorary AGO membership, to be renewed annually.

**Second:** David Fienen

**Motion carried.**

**Treasurer's report:** David Geslin

The end of the current fiscal year's financials was presented. We have a balanced budget. The surplus of \$4,000.00 goes into the unrestricted fund/Board reserve.

**Motion:** Jon Kietzer moved we approve the 6/30/16 year end financial statement, pending audit.

**Second:** Margaret Gohman

**Motion carried.**

**Motion:** Jon Kietzer moved we approve the audit committee to audit the financial report.

**Second:** Andrew Birling

**Motion carried.**

**Program Committee report:** David Jenkins

A sketch of the upcoming year's programs was presented:

- September 25: worship service at House of Prayer, Richfield, with Gustavus Adolphus College Chapel Choir and dinner/installation of officers. A free will offering will be received to help defray the choir's transportation expenses, paid by the TCAGO
- October : organ crawl
- November : video premiere, Tom Trenney master class
- January: professional concerns
- February: James Hicks/Scandinavian organ music
- March: Bach's Birthday
- April : student competition
- May: members' recital

Other organ/choral events, meetings and conventions being held in the Twin Cities in the coming season were called to our attention.

**Dean's report:** Paul Westermeyer

Paul spoke about the recent funeral of past Board member Karen Becker, noting in particular the service's fine choral and instrumental music.

Topics of brief discussion based on communications sent to him included:

- Rochester, MN as a possible future regional convention site
- Information re: TCAGO 2017 AGO/Quimby student competition, which is being coordinated by Mary Newton

- Re: Pipedreams Scholarship. Michael Barone would like a future discussion on its impact in the Twin Cities organ community.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dee Ann Crossley, secretary